

Newburgh News of Note

VOL. X ISSUE I

WINTER 2008

D.A.R.E.

The Newburgh Police Department continues to participate in teaching D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) at Newburgh Elementary School and St. John's Catholic School. Approximately 130 students graduate each school year from the program. This



national program was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles. It is a police officer led series of classroom lessons that attempts to teach children the skills to make choices and decisions they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, resist peer pressure, and violence. The Newburgh PD has assisted other departments within the county when called upon.

Chief Sprinkle states that Sergeant Gretchen Mayse has been the department's D.A.R.E. instructor for 12 years. Officer Jonathan Scully will be attending school this summer to become a certified D.A.R.E. instructor as well. Officers must undergo 80 hours of special training in areas such as classroom management, teaching techniques, child development, and communication skills.

Former Chief Dennis Patton initiated the D.A.R.E. program twenty years ago in Newburgh. It has been, and continues to be, fully funded by individual donations. Donations to the D.A.R.E. fund can be made by contacting Chief Sprinkle, Sergeant Mayse or Officer Scully at the Newburgh Police Department 853-1723.

The major holidays that Allied Waste observes are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Trash, recycling, and yard waste pick up days may be affected by these holidays. Yard Waste pick up runs from April 4 - December 27, 2008.

Recycling bins and calendars with pick up dates are available at Town Hall.

Newburgh Seniors Stay Active

The Newburgh Senior Center, located at 529 Jefferson Street, is open from 9 am to 2 pm, Monday - Friday. Lunch is served at 11:30 am. Regular events at the center include book club, popcorn movie matinees featuring classic and new release films, Bunco, computer class, bingo, knitting class, sing-a-long, line dancing, and crafts. Each month there are special events and speakers including a senior safety series. All seniors are welcome.



The Newburgh Senior Citizens, Inc. Board of Directors recently hired Pam Hijuelos as the new program director for the center. Pam holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science from Tulane University with graduate work at Northwestern State University of Louisiana. She holds a Health Facility Administrator's License with the State of Indiana. Pam has over 35 years experience working with seniors as a facility administrator and a social service director. Pam has been a resident and a part of the Newburgh community for seven years.

Boat Launch Permits Available

Season passes for the boat launch at the Old Lock & Dam are available at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer at Town Hall. All passes expire on December 31 each year. Daily passes are available at the launch site for \$4.00. All passes must be hung on the vehicle rear view mirror or displayed on the front dash.

January 1 - March 31	\$35.00
April 1 - August 31	\$45.00
September 1 - December 31	\$25.00

Boat launch permits are required for anyone launching a boat or jet ski even when weather conditions prohibit the dock being in place.



Annual Awards Presented



Council President Bill Kavanaugh presents the 2007 Good Neighbor Award to the Newburgh Building Corporation (NBC) for its significant contribution to the good of the entire community. The NBC Board of Directors are Steve Franke, President; Randy Wheeler, Vice President; and Mae Mason, Secretary Treasurer. This Board has overseen the Town Hall and Preservation Hall projects. The Town thanks them for their commitment to these projects.

Outstanding Citizen Awards were presented to Rick Mitchell for his donation of time, expertise, and skill in designing and creating the Bicentennial Fountain and to the Warrick County School Corporation for its commitment to the Town of Newburgh and its citizens in the expansive renovation and addition to Newburgh Elementary School.



School Board member Alvin Holder and Superintendent Brad Schneider accept the Outstanding Citizen Award on behalf of the Warrick County School Corporation. The construction project at Newburgh Elementary included additional classrooms, renovated office space, a new gymnasium, an expanded renovated kitchen, a new cafeteria area, increased parking, and a re-configured parking lot which allows for safer transportation of students.

The project features the bell dating back to 1868 from the original Newburgh School whose attending students ranged from grades 1–11.

Office Holders Sworn In



At the first Council meeting in January, Clerk-Treasurer Becky Gentry swears in Council members Bill Kavanaugh, Alonzo Moore, and Anne Rust Aurand as they begin their next four years serving the citizens of Newburgh.

Mrs. Gentry was sworn in for her third term as Clerk-Treasurer earlier by Warrick County Clerk Shannon Weisheit.

NFVA Dive Training



Four members of the Newburgh Volunteer Firefighters Association (NVFA) recently successfully completed Dive Rescue International, an internationally accredited underwater search, rescue, and recovery course.

Scott Zoll, Katie McCafferty, Brent Wittenbraker, and Larry Nellis are now certified underwater rescuers. They must, however, be recertified every three years with a minimum of 18 open water dives per year.



Not If...But When

In my years working in Emergency Preparedness, I must have heard and used this expression thousands of times. It certainly proved to be true with Katrina, and holds an even more profound truth for us today in Newburgh. For decades, the New Madrid Seismic Zone had been described as the highest earthquake risk in the United States. Scientists and disaster experts are now warning that this fault line is by far the greatest natural disaster risk this country is facing. The New Madrid Fault is responsible for the four largest North American earthquakes in recorded history, and the potential area of damage is twenty times larger than that of the California fault lines. The destruction of Katrina would pale in comparison to a major New Madrid event. Seismic data indicates that the probabilities of a major quake have increased significantly over the last few years.

What can **we** do? The Town has been working closely with the county and state to increase our level of preparedness. We are updating our response plans, not only for earthquakes but for every type of disaster, natural or man-made. We will be conducting an earthquake exercise this spring whereby we can test our response in the event of such a disaster. The Town Council and Staff are committed to doing everything possible in the area of disaster preparedness.

What can **you** do? It is essential to understand that **preparedness begins with you**. Government can only do so much. Response agencies and organizations are limited. The ultimate responsibility for preparedness starts with the individual.

Begin by stopping at Town Hall and picking up a copy of *Everybody Ready*, a disaster preparedness guide for individuals and families. This simple and easy to read guide will assist you in preparing, writing an emergency plan, and putting together an emergency kit. For a community to be fully prepared, every citizen must do his/her part. Once an emergency has happened, it is too late to prepare.

A major earthquake is inevitable. The question is WHEN; this year, next year, fifty or one hundred years from now. Whether it is an earthquake, thunderstorm, extreme heat, tornado, flood, fire, terrorism, hazardous material emergency, pandemic flu or other public health emergency, it is time to take action. By working together, Town officials and the citizens of Newburgh can reach a higher level of preparedness.

Be prepared. Act now. Stay safe!

Frank A. Hijuelos
Director of Planning and Development

Newburgh Officials

TOWN COUNCIL

William Kavanaugh District I 853.3050

Eric Ellsperman District II 853.8832

Alonzo B. Moore District III 842.0398

Anne Rust Aurand District IV 853.7538

Shari Sherman Council at Large 853.5447

CLERK-TREASURER

Becky Gentry 853.7111

ADMINISTRATION

Town Manager Cynthia E. Burger 853.3578

Planning and Development Frank Hijuelos
853.2728

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Business Office 853.7496

Utility Office Manager Shawn Mundy

WWTF Superintendent Leon Key

STREET DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Facility 853.6648

POLICE

Emergency only 911 Information 853.1723

FIRE

Emergency only 911 Information 853.7651

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT/MAIN STREET

Historic Newburgh, Inc. 853.2815

***Newburgh News of Note* Volume X, ISSUE I**

a quarterly publication of the Town of Newburgh.
It is delivered to citizens of the town to provide
information for greater access to and input on the
operation of governmental services.

Prepared by Cynthia E. Burger, Town Manager

Town of Newburgh
P.O. Box 6
Newburgh, IN 47629

PRE-SORTED
STANDARD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Newburgh, Indiana
PERMIT NO. 44

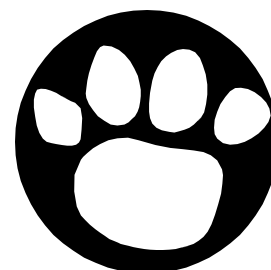
Attention All Pets ~ Especially Dogs & Cats

Please remind your owners that way back in 1987, the Town Council passed an ordinance requiring all of your owners to license you in the Town of Newburgh. Hey all you small, caged birds or fish, don't worry, you're exempt. Permits are valid from their date of issue to the first Tuesday in February the next year. Your owner will need the following information to obtain a permit:

- your breed
- your species
- your sex, if known
- whether you've been sterilized
- your owner's name, address, and phone number
- proof that you've been vaccinated against rabies

There's a small fee for this licensing but remind your owner that you're worth it.

- sterilized dog or cat \$ 5.00
- unsterilized dog or cat \$15.00
- all other animals \$ 5.00



Permits can be obtained Monday through Friday from 8:00a.m. until 4:00p.m in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. If other arrangements are needed, feel free to have your owner contact the office at 853.7111.

Becky Gentry, Clerk-Treasurer